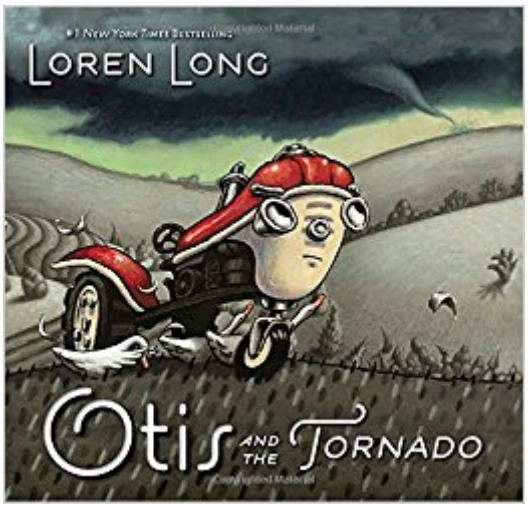
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# Otis And The Tornado




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## Synopsis

Otis and all his farm friends are enjoying a summer's day, but the bull has no interest in playing and stays in his pen. Suddenly the day turns frightening and stormy: it's a tornado! Otis takes all of the animals to safety, but the bull is still locked in his pen! Quick as his tires will take him, Otis putt puff puttedy chuffs back to the farm to save the day.

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## Customer Reviews

From Loren Long: A Letter to Fans Dear Reader, I first drove an old tractor working on a Lexington, Kentucky horse farm for a summer job during my college years. It was ancient and rusty but steady and dependable and still contributed to the farm. I loved driving that old tractor. I had no idea back then that I'd become a children's book author and illustrator someday...let alone write and illustrate my own story about a little tractor named Otis. Those days back on the horse farm served as part of the inspiration for Otis, the little tractor who loves to work hard and play hard with his friends on the farm that he loves. Otis and the Tornado is about friendship and loyalty. I hoped to create a character that children will revere as much as I did the books I loved when I was little. A character and a book that becomes a trusted friend, who loves to have fun and who is fiercely loyal,

brave and trustworthy. I had so much fun creating Otis that my publisher and I decided to do another Otis story, Otis and the Tornado. In this new Otis story you'll read how Otis encounters a storm but also how he handles a new character on the farm that is just plain mean. Otis and the Tornado is about empathy and bravery. I hope you'll share Otis with a little one in your life. And together you'll get to know a spunky little tractor who works hard and plays hard and always has time for another friend. I hope that new friend is you. Putt-puff! Loren

Loren Long grew up in Lexington, Kentucky. He pursued graduate-level studies at the American Academy of Art in Chicago after graduating with a BA in Graphic Design/Art Studio from the University of Kentucky. After graduation Long worked as an illustrator for a greeting card company in Cincinnati before beginning his career as a freelance illustrator.Since then, Long has received numerous accolades for his fluid WPA painting style. He has been awarded two gold medals from the Society of Illustrators in New York, and has been frequently selected for their annual exhibition and book. His work has also appeared in many other major annual exhibitions such as American Illustration, Communication Arts, Step By Step Graphics and Print. LongÃ¢â ¬â„¢s clients include Time Magazine, ReaderÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Digest, Forbes, The Wall Street Journal, Atlantic Monthly, BoyÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Life, LandÃ¢â ¬â„¢s End, Sports Illustrated and HBO. He has also illustrated book covers for numerous publishers and has recently concentrated on illustrating books for young readers where his work has garnered much recognition and praise.Recent awards/accolades:2002 The United Nations chose to hang in their lobby LongÃ¢â ¬â„¢s painting of a firefighter in action, along with 21 other selections from the Prevailing Human Spirit Show at the Society of Illustrators.2003Recipient of the Golden Kite Award for picture book illustration, presented by the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators for I Dream of Trains. The book was also selected as one of the New York Public LibraryÃ¢â ¬â„¢s 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing, 2003.2004 Winner of the Parents' Choice Gold Award.Illustrates New York Times #1 best-seller, Mr. PeabodyÃ¢â ¬â„¢s ApplesTo learn more about Loren Long and his books, go to www.lorenlong.com

I read Otis to my grandkids last weekend and what a Gem. Otis represents all that is good as he tries his best to accomodate all of the creatures on the farm. Mr bull will have nothing to do with the others as he holds court in his small kingdom, the field. All of a suddenl things take a turn for the worse and Otis, as all heros, makes sure the group is taken care of as he finds protection. However, the hated bull is found to be missing and Otis goes looking for him despite the danger. As often the

case with "BULLIES", Mr. Bull is found trembeling and very much afraid of his own skin. Otis takes charge and despite the past takes the bull to safety. In the end, all is happy and the future seem bright. What a marvalous tale to tell the kids. It is much like Billy Whiskers, The Little Engine that Could and others,. Alls well that ends well!

I'll say right off the bat that I am a big fan of Otis. I fell in love with him the minute I read the first book. So much so that I ordered the stuffed toy. I like this book even better than first. The large, bright illustrations make this book perfect as a read-a-loud. The picture of the bull does a great job of emphasizing his bigness and grumpiness. The writing is clear and crisp and great for reading out-loud. I found it easy to change my tone of voice with the changing emotion of the story. The second graders I read this to enjoyed it also. In fact, one class that usually cannot be quiet for any length of time, became silent when I started reading this book. That to me is the best sign of a great book, when the students become so intently focused on the book. This book has the look and feel of a classic. I will note that some younger children may find the tornado frightening. Highly recommended.

My 3 year old grandson and I adore the original Otis book. First be aware that this is a very large book if you're buying the hardback version. It doesn't fit on our bookshelf and I can only read it sitting upright. More importantly to me, it seems a bit choppy. The book jumps from the animals finding the farm in need of repair to "but when the work was done". I would have liked at least a page about them working on the repairs rather than just skimping over thst part and going right into them having fun.

grandson, Otis, loves these books which carry a wonderful message, are beautifully illustrated and great oversized size.

We started reading the Otis books to our son when he was 2 1/2 and he fell in love with them right away. Otis and the Tornado (or rather, "Otis and the Tomato," as my son calls it) is his absolute favorite book. The pictures are so well illustrated. The storyline of a bully bull and a heroic tractor is a good lesson for young children. The tornado also teaches our son about tornadoes, especially since we get a few in our area every year (kind of helps him know about their destruction in a safe way that his 3 year old mind can handle:).Looking forward to more Otis books. Would also like to find some little Otis tractors for my son to play with. Right now every tractor he sees is named Otis.

Sweet story, my first graders adored it! Each teacher in our school read Otis as a nation wide Read for the Record day and we received Otis ( original book) as a gift. My students fell for the spunky little tractor so I promised to read them every Otis book I could find. Otis and the Tornado captured their attention and they have asked me to reread the story several times!!

My son is obsessed with this book.

Our grandson (two and a half years old) enjoys this book very much. The story is meaningful and teaches great lessons on friendship, loyalty, courage, persistence and leadership. Otis is a friendly, resourceful tractor who helps save his farm animal friends and even an intimidating, unfriendly bull from a destructive tornado. It has lots of action, wonderful illustrations and is well written enough to keep a child of this age very engaged. Grandson says, "Again!" every time I read it to him. For these reasons, I would definitely recommend it.

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